

MOVEMENT GAINS
MANY ADHERENTS

Virginia Newspapers Coming Out
for Modification of Poll-Tax
Prerequisite.

WILL BE LEADING ISSUE

Republicans Declare That They
Will Take It Up in Fall
Campaign.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
Congress Hall,
Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.

It seems from all indications that the proposition to modify materially the present law or constitutional provision in reference to the payment of the poll tax as a prerequisite to vote is gaining strength. Many newspapers in Virginia have come out in direct opposition to it. Recently there appeared in the Lynchburg News, owned by Congressman Glass, an editorial advocating that the time of six months, in which this prepayment must be made, should be lessened. This is a distinct gain for those who stand for a change, as Mr. Glass was one of the most prominent members of the Constitutional Convention advocating the payment of the poll tax six months before the elections as a prerequisite. Mr. Glass contended in the convention that this would prevent corruption in the payment of poll taxes for voters by people who desired their vote, as no man contemplating being a candidate for office would take the risk of influencing any man's vote six months before election.

The News editorial takes the position that this long period encourages this species of corruption by the man who is going to run for office, feeling that the taxes of those who can be influenced by this kindness will be paid in time, while the more self-respecting citizen, who pays his own tax, very frequently overlooks the day and thereby loses his vote, and the News editorial takes the position that this species of corruption by the man who is going to run for office, feeling that the taxes of those who can be influenced by this kindness will be paid in time, while the more self-respecting citizen, who pays his own tax, very frequently overlooks the day and thereby loses his vote, and the News editorial takes the position that this species of corruption by the man who is going to run for office, feeling that the taxes of those who can be influenced by this kindness will be paid in time, while the more self-respecting citizen, who pays his own tax, very frequently overlooks the day and thereby loses his vote.

Congressman Flood, who opposed the poll tax as a prerequisite while he was a member of the Constitutional Convention, is stronger in his opposition to it to-day than he ever was, though he has never ceased to raise objections to it whenever the opportunity offered. Mr. Flood always contended that it would result in preventing too many worthy and intelligent white people from casting their votes. There is no doubt about the fact that he will be one of the strongest in favor of a change of the poll tax law.

To abolish the poll-tax as a prerequisite, however, will necessitate another change in the franchise article of the Constitution. The poll-tax was put in the Constitution by the framers of the Constitutional Convention was called to eliminate. The article finally incorporated in the Constitution was not acceptable to the members of the suffrage committee from the black belt, but as the poll-tax prerequisite was one of the underlaid voters of the suffrage provision of the Constitution in 1902, if that is eliminated some other barrier will have to be substituted for it.

Make It Leading Issue.
The Republicans assert that they intend to make this poll-tax question a leading issue in the campaign next fall. But, it is argued, they cannot make much headway with this present electorate of Virginia unless they give a well-defined substitute for the poll-tax which will protect the electorate from the undesirable voters of the State. As they will hardly do this, it is not thought that they will make much capital out of the issue. In discussing this with me a well known Virginia Democrat said:

"Nor are the other questions which the Republicans propose to raise and which they will give them much strength with the people."

"The position of the Democratic party on the temperance question is such that the Republicans cannot gain any ground upon this issue. The Republican leaders say they are in favor of a uniform system of school books. This suggestion has already been adopted by the present Democratic State officials, and the free school books are being made uniform as rapidly as the interest of the school children will permit. Nor is it believed that the Republicans can have defined by their convention any system of taxation or of assessments in the State which will appeal to the tax-payers."

"The questions which the Repub-

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leaves propose to agitate, and from a discussion of these questions gentlemen familiar with Virginia politics have reached the conclusion that the Republicans will not make much capital from any of them.

The Democrats here are becoming very much interested in the coming campaign in the State. Everybody wants to know if Mr. Glass will run for Governor, and Mr. Glass is keeping his own counsel on the subject, but still has it under consideration.

DEAD IN SWAMP.

Virginia Man Kills Himself After Attack of Melancholia.

KINGSTON, N. Y., January 13.—R. W. Bowles, a native of Kent's Store, Va., was found dead this morning in Beaver Kill Swamp, near where the Ashokan Dam is being built. A bullet wound was in his temple and a revolver was at his side, he having committed suicide.

Mr. Bowles recently came from San Francisco. He was a brother-in-law of Christopher Perkins, storekeeper for the MacArthur Bros. & Winston Company, the contractors building the dam for New York City. Mr. Bowles was suffering from typhoid fever. His brother-in-law went to California and brought him to Brown's Station recently.

TRADE REPORT.

Bradstreet's Saturday will say for Richmond and districts:

Trade in general shows gradual increase, following the holiday season, however, the inventory season is still in vogue, this as usual, to some degree, retards trade. Violators of shop, dry goods and kindred lines report fair volume of orders for spring shipment, and some filling in orders are noted, especially for rubber goods, and heavier grades. Produce is not active. Offerings of loose tobacco continue large, and prices show an upward tendency. Cotton continues firm at 8-12 cents to 9 cents. Seasoned lumber is in moderate demand. Winter wheat conditions are reported favorable. Collections continue slow through the majority of Southern territory.

NEW CHARTERS ISSUED

An amendment to a charter was issued by the State Corporation Commission yesterday changing the name of the Sands-Key-Ruth Company (Inc.), of Norfolk, to Sands & Key (Inc.). The capital stock and general business remains as heretofore.

New charters issued yesterday by the commission include the following: Paul C. Smith, of Richmond, Va., and Virginia R. Tucker, of Norfolk, Va.; Herbert Rivercomb, of Peola Mills, Va., and Penton Rodden, of Norfolk, Va.; Christine P. Harris and Ruth L. Hall, both of Hanover county, Va.; DeMoss Taylor and Anna E. Foster, both of Roanoke, Va.

The Ballston Athletic Association (Inc.), of Ballston, Va., president, Walter C. Bass, vice-president, P. W. Thompson, secretary—all of Ballston. Capital: Maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$10,000. Object: Gymnasium for athletic sports.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 13.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: Paul C. Smith, of Richmond, Va., and Virginia R. Tucker, of Norfolk, Va.; Herbert Rivercomb, of Peola Mills, Va., and Penton Rodden, of Norfolk, Va.; Christine P. Harris and Ruth L. Hall, both of Hanover county, Va.; DeMoss Taylor and Anna E. Foster, both of Roanoke, Va.

STEVENS TO BE PRESIDENT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., January 13.—Inquiry in railroad circles indicates that a report that John F. Stevens, one of the vice-presidents of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, will take the presidency of the Colorado and Southern Railroad to succeed Frank Trumbull is probably correct.

Mr. Stevens in July, 1908, came to the New Haven Company from the Panama Canal.

Dies from Loss of Blood.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ETNA MILLS, VA., January 13.—Harvey Trice, son of J. E. Trice, a farmer near this place, while out hunting with a colored man accidentally shot himself, breaking his arm. He died about 3 o'clock this morning from loss of blood. It was past midnight before medical aid could be secured. Burial will take place to-morrow afternoon from his home.

SHORT A VICTIM

OF HIS OWN HAND

One of North Carolina's Wealthiest Men Sends Bullet Through His Brain.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 13.—Colonel Henry B. Short, one of the State's richest men, and prominent in this section, committed suicide to-day at his home, at Lake Waccamaw. He shot himself in the top of the head. His act is thought to have been impelled by ill health. He recently returned from the North, where he went for treatment, but several days ago he suffered a relapse. He was alone in a room this morning when he inflicted the wound. He married a daughter of the late Judge O. P. Meares of this city, and is survived by three children. He was a member of the board of directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and of the Murchison National Bank.

The funeral will be held here to-morrow, conducted by Bishop Robert Strange.

FILE-CLERK JONES
IS DISAPPOINTED

Amateur Sleuth Scented Mystery,
but It Fades as Child Nestles
Close in Father's Arms.

Office boys, after long association with newspaper workers, quickly cultivate the nose for news, provided they are not too busy with divine duties, which accounts for the excitement that lodged in the breast of Mr. Helm Jones, sometimes known as File Clerk, which sounds bigger. Two of the reporters were quietly taking a late lunch shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday morning in a Main Street establishment, when Mr. Jones rushed in, out of breath and frantic.

"Come here, quick!" he shouted. "A funny-looking man is going down the street, with a little girl, who is crying."

It did look good. The reporters dropped the food, ran to the door, and sure enough they saw a man ambling along, the baby crying at his side. It was cold, and there was some rain. The amateur sleuths followed, and as they gained on him the old man kept looking back. That was also suspicious. The girl was chattering. When they reached Eleventh Street they halted; they trudged on again, after looking straight into a dimly-lighted shop window. There was not a policeman in sight.

Presently a Main Street car, going east, came thundering along. All at once the old man seized the child, ran directly in front of the approaching car, and waved the hand that was free. The car stopped and they got aboard. That same car was filled with men, women and children on their way home from some sort of festival. Mr. Jones, whose excitement had passed by this time, shook up enough nerve to jump aboard. The little girl nestled close to her father as they sat down. Mr. Jones, meanwhile, taking a few cat-naps and dreaming of a shattered front-pager. But the story did look good for a time.

ITALY'S FUND GROWING

Italian Benefit Society Donates \$250—Big Concert To-Night.

At a meeting of the Italian Benefit Association, held last night at Fraternity Hall, the members voted unanimously to donate to the earthquake sufferers in Southern Italy the sum of \$250 from the general fund of the society. This will be transmitted by cable to the Red Cross Society in Italy to be distributed as it is thought best among the stricken people. A Marchetti was the principal speaker before the society.

DIRECTORS ELECTED

City Bank and Merchants' National Hold Annual Meeting.

Directors were elected at stockholders' meetings of the City Bank and of the Merchants' National Bank yesterday as follows: City Bank—B. B. Addison, James H. Anderson, James H. Boyd, Liburn P. Myers, S. H. Hawes, A. L. Holladay, William H. Palmer, Edwin A. Palmer, B. W. Travers, B. B. Valentin and Stewart M. Woodard. Officers—President, William H. Palmer; Vice-President, B. B. Addison; Cashier, J. W. Sinton.

Merchants' National—Directors: Blythe W. Branch, John Kerr Branch, John P. Branch, A. S. Buford, James Caskie, James H. Dooley, Alex. Hamilton, M. E. Marcus, B. T. Morgan, B. B. Munford, Thomas E. McCadams, Fred W. Scott, Thomas B. Scott, C. S. Springfield, William H. White, Officers—President, John P. Branch; Vice-President, John F. Glenn; Cashier, Thomas B. McCadams; Assistant Cashier, J. B. Perdue and George H. Keown.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Virginia on Tuesday Mr. William T. Reed was re-elected one of the directors.

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WINTER COMES
BACK TO THE STREET

Temperature Gets Down Below
Freezing Point, With No Early
Promise of Balmier Days.

Once again the city is firmly held in the grasp of winter. The balmy atmosphere that followed the great snowstorm of Christmas has given way to rain and sleet, which may keep the streets in a slippery condition for several days, while the thermometer remained well below the freezing point even during the warmest part of the day. The cold wave had its beginning Tuesday night, when it struck Richmond at 9 o'clock with a north wind which for a short while blew a gale. At the same time the thermometer began to fall. Later the wind subsided and the cold increased; rain fell, which, as the morning wore on, turned to sleet, and the city awoke, the sidewalks were hard and slick enough for skating; horses slipped and street cars were unable to stop where the motormen figured.

Throughout the day the rain kept up, and with the thermometer averaging 29 degrees, froze to the streets as fast as it fell. At noon the temperature was 29, but fell to 27, and at no time during the day was it above freezing point. Though there is little snow or sleet on the ground, the weather is much more severe than during the last storm. The missions are filling up with poor people, who, having no place to sleep, are driven from the streets. Everywhere the suffering is intense, and the charity people are taxed to the utmost to take care of the unfortunate.

According to the reports of the Weather Bureau, there is small chance in the next few days of the weather becoming more reasonable. A special report received from Director Moore, of the Washington bureau, yesterday afternoon was to the effect that rain and snow would continue in the Middle Atlantic and Eastern States to-morrow and the next day.

HE HEARD THE ALARM

Barney Frischkorn Hastens to Fire to Find His Own Home Ablaze.

An alarm of fire from 15, First and Gray Streets, last night caused Barney Frischkorn, who lives in the latter vicinity, to rush to the scene. Little did he suspect that his own home, No. 102 East Main Street, was afire. Nevertheless, when he reached Second Main he was startled to see a succession of sparks coming from his chimney.

He was playing dominoes with the "Third Street" men when the alarm came in, said Mr. Frischkorn, breathlessly, "and the only thing that brought me to the fire was that I was in my neighborhood." Rushing upstairs Mr. Frischkorn found the stove pipe in his bed chamber disengaged, while several firemen were endeavoring to stop the flow of sparks.

"How much are you insured for?" asked a reporter. "Eighty-seven-five," responded Mr. Frischkorn. "I don't think there would have been an alarm if I had been here."

A stove in the bed chamber was transferred to the street, where it was found to be torn down, but other than no damage was done.

THINKS WELL OF RICHMOND

Lewis W. Parker Says This Is Good Place for Spinners' Convention.

Mr. Lewis W. Parker, of Greenville, S. C., first vice-president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, was in Richmond yesterday on a business trip. He is president of the board of governors of that organization in Charlotte last week Mr. Parker was among those who voted to bring the convention to this city again next year. He said yesterday that the spinners left with such pleasant impressions last year that they were anxious to come again, although he added that Richmond was not the best place for cotton men from the South and New England.

Railroad officials cut mileage, but cotton manufacturers court spinners. Mr. Parker has not been in the mill business for a great many years. Mr. Parker controls more spindles than any other man in the South.

CALL SPECIAL MEETING

Common Council Will Meet Monday Night in Act on Playgrounds.

A call will be issued to-day for a meeting of the Common Council on Monday night to consider the Board of Education's plan to amend the playground ordinance and in the award of contract and appropriation for the Blue's Army. The joint resolution providing for the examination of the plans for the municipal electric plant by an expert hydraulic and electrical engineer will also be made a part of the call, and will be taken up by the council.

As both the playground and Blue's Army matters carry instructions to the Finance Committee to include the subject in their budget, it will be necessary to concur in these resolutions before the end of this month. It is not probable that the report of the Board of Education on the subject of the flume will be ready for this meeting, and if necessary another special meeting will be called later in the month to receive it.

POLICE COURT CASES

Overcoat Case Continued for Further Evidence—Alleged Cocaine Seller Sent On.

The cases against John Gray and Alfred Jones, charged with stealing overcoats, were continued in the Police Court yesterday for January 15th for further evidence. Other evidence of their guilt has been brought out by the examination of the flume, and it is expected. Both are colored.

James Brooks (colored), charged with having cocaine in his possession and discharging it in violation of the law, was taken up by the Police Court yesterday for the grand jury. He is represented by Mr. Gilbert K. Pollock.

George E. Miller, of Liburn and L. B. Watkins were sent out on the macadam for thirty days to work off their vagrancy. Benjamin Einstein was fined \$5 for offering insulting attentions to two women on Fifth Street.

REQUISITION HONORED

Frank Lee Must Stand Trial for Murder in Pennsylvania.

Governor Swanson yesterday honored the requisition of the Governor of Pennsylvania for Frank Lee, negro wanted for murder in Mifflin county, Pa. The papers were presented to the Governor by E. E. Boyer, sheriff of Lewistown, Pa., and C. D. Garnett, representing the State authorities of Pennsylvania. Lee, who was arrested at South Boston some days ago, was charged with the murder of George Porter on November 28, 1908. It is charged that Lee went to the scene of the killing, shot Porter and deliberately fired both barrels of a shotgun at him. He is now in jail at Houston, Va.

One Year for Smith.

"Bossy" alias Charles Smith (colored), charged with breaking into the stables of the Deep Run Hunt Club and committing other burglaries, was sentenced yesterday afternoon in the Henrico county Circuit Court to one year in jail. Smith is one of the negroes alleged to have been implicated in the attempt to escape from the county jail last November.

Arguing Street Car Appeal.

Argument on the motion to set aside the decree of the Governor for the Passenger Company was allowed by Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, when the case was heard yesterday and adjourned over to this morning. The argument is an exhaustive one and may consume several days.

COMPLETE FLUME
INQUIRY TO-NIGHT

Investigators Want More Light
on Deficiency of Cement in
Concrete.

Evidence in the investigation of causes which led to the settling basin flume failure will probably be concluded to-night, and the committee will then begin the formulation of its report to City Council.

Two witnesses have been summoned to to-night, both of whom will throw light on the mixing of the concrete. City Engineer Bolling will also be given the opportunity to introduce any further evidence he may desire.

The most important point which has yet developed in the investigation is the support of the city's case against the Crouse Construction Company, now pending in the Law and Equity Court, was brought out in a contradiction of evidence on Monday night. Papers filed by the Water Department, and now a part of the record, showed that Froehling & Robertson, chemists, employed by the city, tested during the erection of the flume 3,000 barrels of cement. This statement agrees with the records of the Water Department and with the records for payments to the chemists. Superintendent Hodgson, of the Crouse Company, when on the witness stand, testified that 4,362 1-2 barrels were used.

May Help City's Case.

City Attorney Pollard, in his cross-examination of witnesses, brought it out plainly that either a large proportion of the cement used was not tested, or else that the contractor did not use as much cement as claimed in the construction of the work. In either case it would be a decided point in the city's favor in the litigation, and in either event it places the inspectors and resident engineer in the position of either allowing large quantities of untested cement to be used, or else of having allowed the flume to have been constructed deficient in cement.

Estimates compiled by the City Engineer show that the flume as designed should have in it 5,611 cubic yards of concrete. In the estimate in which sand, stone and cement were to be mixed, there should have been 1-3-10 barrels of cement to a cubic yard of concrete. If only the 3,000 barrels of tested cement was used, it would only average 16-100 of a barrel to a cubic yard, or be about 1-3 deficient.

The investigating committee is understood to be making an effort to obtain further testimony as to the use of poor cement and to deficient mixing. Certainly, the samples from the flume, exhibited in the last meeting, were obviously of poorer quality than blocks taken from other work where the specifications do not call for so large a proportion in the mixture.

Work was begun on Monday on the test section of ten feet, to be laid exactly in accordance with the plans and specifications, except that the invert will be laid first and the water securely tied, under the direction of City Engineer Bolling. When this section has set for thirty days a force pump will be used to put on a pressure of ten pounds to the inch, the pressure for which the wrecked conduit was planned.

GETS TEN YEARS EACH

Assaults of Vet Slag, Chinese Laundryman, Given Life of Law.

In the Hustings Court yesterday H. L. Richardson, indicted for burglary, pled not guilty. The jury brought in a verdict finding him guilty of the second count of the indictment, entering a house without breaking. He was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$100. A second indictment against him was not presented.

Junius Walker and Isiah Curry, jointly indicted for malicious wounding, were found guilty and given the limit under law, ten years in the penitentiary each. There are the two negroes who attacked Vet Slag, a Chinese laundryman, wounding him severely with a hatchet. The Chinese colony attended the trial in force.

Landonia Smith, charged with selling liquor without license, was indicted, and case came up on appeal from the Police Court, where he had been sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$250.

Officers Elected.

CLEVELAND, O., January 13.—Officers for the coming year were elected at to-day's session of the National Cement Users' Association. George C. Walters, of Atlanta, was elected fourth vice-president.

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NEW BOOKS AT STATE LIBRARY

Annual Report of American Historical Association. 1908. Two volumes. Beside Still Waters. By A. C. Benson. 1908.

Betty Pembroke. By E. H. Hancock. 1907.

The Book: Its History and Development. By Cyril Davenport. 1908.

Book of American Municipalities. 1908.

A Calendar of Confederate Papers. By D. Freeman. 1908.

The Chemistry of Commerce. By R. R. Duncan. 1907.

Constitution and Proceedings of National Association for the Study of Tuberculosis. 1908.

Course in Cereal Foods. By Margaret J. Mitchell. 1908.

Diana of the Crossways. By George Meredith. 1908.

The Eglogist. By George Meredith. 1905.

Electricity of To-Day. By C. R. Gibson. 1908.

Forest Trees of Maine. 1908.

Index to Enrolled Bills of General Assembly of Virginia, 1776-1862. J. V. Williams, compiler. 1908.

Influence of Soluble Salts Upon Wheat, Oats, &c. By L. L. Harter. 1908.

Italiana. By W. R. Thayer. 1908.

John C. Calhoun. By Gaillard Hunt. 1908.

Lewis Rand. Mary Johnston. 1908.

Matters Relating to Competitions. By American Institute of Architects. 1908.

Methods of Teaching History. By G. S. Hall. 1908.

My Memoirs. By Alexandre Dumas. V. 5. 1908.

Nathaniel Massie. By David Meade Massie. 1908.

Organizing Systems. By E. C. Meyer. 1908.

Old Fortunatus. By Thomas Dekker. 1904.